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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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S. CHOU, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [582]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £600,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, and June, 1897. [581]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA;
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Paid up Capital £ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,

G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balance 2 per
Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [580]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$ 8,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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Manager:

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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1898. [581]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may, at their option
balances of \$100 or more, in the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1893. [581]

MASONIC.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,01.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the
15th instant, at 8.30 for p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1898. [581]

Notice of Birth.

DURING my temporary absence, Mr.
AHMED JOSEPH will sign the name
of C. ABDoola & Co.

C. ABDoola & Co.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1898. [581]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
JAPAN, &c. Java* J. Chellow, R.N.R. Daylight, 15th May. Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c. Romilla* S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. 4 P.M., 16th May. Freight or Passage.
LONDON Condé G. K. Wright, R.N.R. About 19th May ... Freight only.
*(Passing through the Inland Seas).

For further particulars apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1898. [582]

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UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY. LIMITED.

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1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoins the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION,
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and
numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-
East winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.
J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,
Manager.

CRAIGIEBURN will be open on June 1st for terms apply to

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CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. [582]

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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE
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WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Topic.

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CARMICHAEL & CO.

[28]

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A PERFECT DISINFECTING FLUID (NON-POISONOUS).

MORE POWERFUL THAN PURE CARBOLIC ACID.

A SURE-PREVENTIVE OF ALL KINDS OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

IS A MOST POWERFUL INSECTICIDE, GERMICIDE, AND DISINFECTANT.

Sole Agents: WATKINS & CO. [14]

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W. BREWER & CO.

INDIAN CIGARS.

STILL THE SAME PRICE

JAVAS NO. 1 \$2.25 per 100

\$20 per 1,000

A REALLY FINE SMOKE.

Under Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 7th May, 1898. [15]

CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUNN & Co. 1 doz. quarts, \$35.50; 1 doz. plats, \$37.50

WHISKY.

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" 1 doz. bottle, \$10.50

MCKRKADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED" 10.50

PORT WINE:

GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND 1 doz. bottle, \$24.00

SHEWAN, TOME & Co., Agents.

Praya Central.

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THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under
the powers conferred by the Special
Resolution passed and confirmed on the 5th
and 25th days of June, 1897, the undersigned
General Managers old on the 10th day of April
1898, make a call of \$4.50 per share, on account
of the price of the new shares, issued in pur-
suit of such resolution, and a call of \$4.50 on
account of the premium for each such share
and that such calls are PAYABLE at the
OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, Praya
Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the
31st May, 1898.

Upon Payment of such calls and production
of the certificate for the shares, in respect of
which the same are paid, a note of the payment
will be indorsed on the certificate.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1898.

SHEWAN, TOME & Co., General Managers.

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WANTED Immediately PROBATIONER

NURSE at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL

HOSPITAL, Hongkong, aged from 18 to 25
years. A Knowledge of English is essential.
Further particulars as to agreements, salaries,
etc. can be obtained at the Colony.

MATRON.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1898. [

To-day's
Advertisements.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-THREE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held in the BOARD ROOM at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at Twelve o'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of account to the 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd instant, until TUESDAY, the 24th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

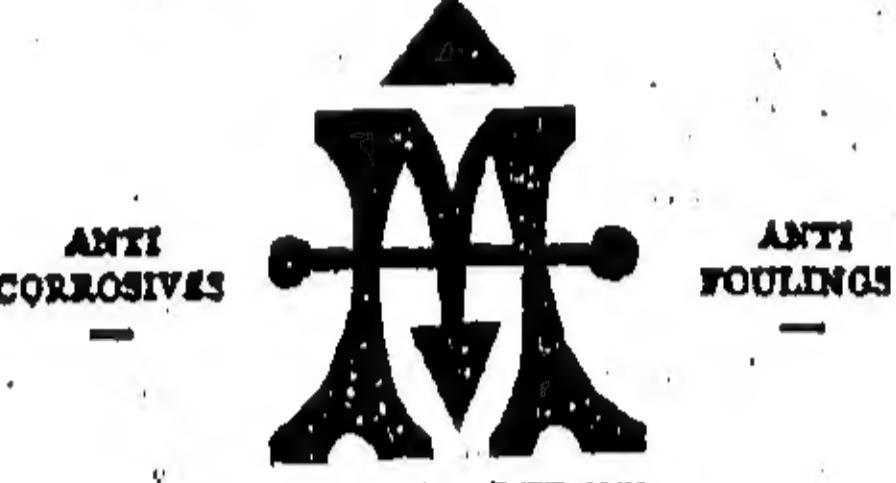
By Order,

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [635]

BIRMINGHAM EXPORT HOUSE is willing to allow Commission with Sole Agency to Good Firm who can obtain Orders from thoroughly reliable dealers.

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PREPARED IN ALL COLOURS
TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

GENERAL AGENCY.
BAILEY'S ENGINEERING AGENCY,
17, PRAVA CENTRAL,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [39]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MO ROW, the 15th instant, at Daylight, instead of at N. m. as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [631]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TIENSIN.
THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [611]

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM AND
COPENHAGEN.

THE Company's Steamship

"SIAM,"
Captain C. Cold, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [541]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW LIVERPOOL AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW,"
having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before noon on the 20th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 20th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [544]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Underclothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Kidroldy, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES, to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [632]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

colonies or protectorates. The arrangement might take any of several different forms. It might be simply a sale by auction outright, plain and straightforward; it might be a sale by private contract; it might be a mortgage or a joint-stock limited-liability share transaction, as in the case of the Suez Canal and Egypt; it might be a nondescript arrangement like that whereby Britain lends money to China and acquires control of the Yangtze Valley, or, last of all, it may perhaps in the end be nothing else but an out-and-out conquest, the result of a war between the Anglo-Saxons and the allied powers of Europe.

It would be extremely inconvenient for the United States to retain and administer the Philippines; so inconvenient, that that solution is practically out of the question. It is a pity, for much good would result from permanent American suzerainty of the Philippines. In fact, it would be such a desirable arrangement that we will not be surprised if ultimately some plan is introduced for overcoming the practical difficulties. At present, however, all the authorities of the powers are agreed that it is impossible.

On the other hand, it may be taken for granted that the islands cannot revert to Spain. Though all Europe and America should agree, the Filipinos themselves have now made it impossible. The present rebellion is not theirs first by any means, but it is the first in which they have had so much encouragement and the Spaniards so much discouragement. It may be taken that the Spaniards and their Philippine subjects will never hereafter be able to live together in peace. No other European power has a vestige of a claim on the Philippines, though there are other powers only too eager to take anything they can get rightly or wrongly. As the *Times* correspondent says, Britain could not afford to allow the Philippines to fall into the hands of certain powers which are distinguished for their eagerness to grab strategic points for fighting purposes. Certain powers, notably France, Russia, and Germany, in looking at any place look first of all at its strategic features. This fact in itself indicates that fighting is one of the first things they think about. In the interests of humanity it is undesirable that such powers should acquire such positions. These powers, on the other hand, strongly object to allowing Britain to enlarge her territories. It is a constant source of wonderment to us why they should so strenuously object; because we can make any place better for the Germans than the Germans themselves, better for the French than the French themselves can, and probably we can make a place better for the Russians if they choose to come. That is to say, Europeans of various nationalities are more willing to go, for instance, to Cape Colony than to Angola, Namqualand, or Madagascar, and we fancy that but for artificial methods of forcing colonisation, Vladivostock would have fewer Russians in it than Shanghai. This, however, is a surmise which need not be pressed too far. At any rate, there is no truth in the idea put forward by the land-grabbing Powers. "We have no port in China where we can take our ships."

The present position of Admiral Dewey is extremely perplexing. He has inflicted a severe blow on the Spaniards in the course of his duty to his country. He cannot be blamed for that, but in so doing, he has practically destroyed what little there was of law and order in the Philippines, and the American victory in Manila Bay must have appreciably augmented the growth of anarchy in the Philippines. Now it appears difficult, if not impossible, for the Filipinos to be restrained by any influence. With a few honourable exceptions, they are a mere rabble instigated by the suggestion of freedom after centuries of oppression and degradation. It requires a strong hand now to hold them down and prevent probable outrages on humanity, but who is to hold them down? Admiral Dewey with his small force cannot do it, nor will the 600 men reported to be embarking at San Francisco be enough to police such a large country. The Spaniards have never been able to do it; least of all could they hope to do so now. It is greatly to be feared that the Philippines will, until some settlement is arrived at, namely, for probably some months to come, be in a terrible state of upheaval, and any power which undertakes to restore law and order and make the much-troubled archipelago a smiling prosperous possession, will have an extremely difficult task.

The Times

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soon took refuge from the heavy fire by going in behind Cavile. The flagship moored and the larger vessels followed her example. The carriage was ten feet and before the first circle had been completed the *Don Juan de Austria* began to settle down at sea first. Her firing still continued and shortly after fighting gallantly to the last and with all her colours flying she sank with all hand.

The *Reina Christina* and *Castilla*, aided by the forts and by tugs from the smaller gun-boats, were sustaining a very heavy fire. As each vessel came aboard on either side she would appear a mass of flame and smoke and for a few seconds nothing could be seen. Round and round went our fleet, keeping good order, each vessel slowing as she got the range and bearing in her fire. The *R. Christina* was set on fire by a shell but continued to work her guns.

A report went round that she had lost her colours down, but as she did they were hoisted again for she was still firing when she went down at her mortaring a mass of flame. By this time several gun-boats behind Cavile had been sunk, the *Castilla* had been on fire twice and the fire from the forts was still on. At 8 o'clock a.m. The *Olympia* came out of the action having completed four of those deadly circles, the other boats followed, the crews cheering loudly. The *Castilla* about this time broke out in flames and became a total wreck.

I omitted to mention that early in the engagement two submarine mines were fired, but in each case the vessel had passed the danger zone. At 12.30 a.m. the fleet headed by the *Bahia* more reopened fire on the forts. The vessels lay off the forts and poured wide broadsides into them at short range. At 1 p.m. the white flag was hoisted at Cavile and the bombardment was over.

The ships drew off and anchored off Macao where the white flag was also hoisted. When the *Olympia* signalled that not one man had been killed on our side throughout the battle the bursts of cheering were enormous.

The *Emperador* with Rest of the China Fleet on board arrived to-day.

It is difficult to estimate the Spanish loss but it must be over 1,000. Everybody is of the opinion that the Spaniards fought very bravely and that they fought and died like men.

THE CAINE ROAD MURDER.

The hearing of the charge of murder against the Portuguese clerk Orolo was resumed at the Magistracy to-day before Capt. Hastings, R.N., Mr. Crist again appeared for the defendant.

Gladys Portasal stated that she was living at 2 West Terrace, Caine Road on the night of the 28th inst. Defendant was her cousin and she was engaged to be married to him. On Monday it came to see her at West Terrace at 5.30 p.m. They had a quarrel that day. Defendant insinuated that Mr. Jesus was paying her attentions. They were to have been married on the 28th inst. She did not know if defendant had spoken to Mr. Jesus about him paying attentions to her. She never heard defendant threaten Mr. Jesus, but he had threatened her; he had threatened to kill her but only in joke. Witness was in her room sewing when defendant came. He asked her to stop sewing and she then saw a packet wrapped in paper on her bed. On asking what it was he opened it and she saw that it was a revolver. She wanted to take it from him but he would not give it up. She tried to get it from him but failed. They got out on to the verandah and there sat down. Her cousin, Miss Jesus then came in. Defendant then told witness that if she told the whole truth he would forgive her. She said "In God in heaven's truth, I never had anything to do with any one, but am in love with you." Then the whole of the family came out on the verandah. Her aunt, the mother of Mr. Jesus, also came out. She did not remember what defendant said to her. After the aunt left defendant asked witness to go with him as he did not want her to remain at West Terrace. She refused to go and they were quarrelling when Mr. Jesus came and went into the house. Defendant saw him but took no notice. Next Mr. Jesus came out and said to defendant "What is all this now about, Joan?" Witness knew no more except that she was pulling defendant away and heard a shot fired. She did not think there was any struggle between defendant and deceased. Defendant did not threaten deceased before he fired. After examination by the Magistrate as to matters of detail witness said that when he asked her she would not go with him. She did not know where he put the revolver. Probably it was in his pocket. She did not know that deceased and defendant had quarrelled before. She had begun to quarrel with defendant some time in March on account of his jealousy of some person she did not know. She had an idea it was Mr. Jesus or somebody else he referred to. Almost every day there were a few words on the same subject of jealousy. Defendant had repeatedly said he would kill the person if he could discover who it was. When she was struggling with defendant some persons assisted her to take the revolver from him. She thought it was Mr. Jesus.

Maria Theresa de Jesus said that on the evening of the 28th inst. she could hear defendant crying in the room next to hers. It was about 5.30. She took no notice as it was not a strange thing and he used to cry before and he and Miss Portasal had been quarrelling daily since last March. At about dinner time she heard somebody running in the next room and to avoid trouble she went to a back room. Afterwards she asked Gladys to come in to dinner. She detailed the facts leading up to the crime and told how her mother had been pushed down by defendant. She saw her brother's wife coming into the house and one of her nieces told her her grandmother had been pushed down by "Joan Jaiso," a nickname for defendant. Then she heard shots outside, and afterwards she saw the dead body of her brother on the bed in his room.

Maria Joseph de Jesus, widow, deceased, deposed that she saw defendant and Gladys on the verandah at the house on the evening of the 28th inst. She heard a cry from one of the nieces that Joan Jaiso had beaten Gladys and thrown her grandmother on the floor. She then told as to threatening the report of firearms and seeing her husband stagger up three stairs. She brought him in a chair near by and sent for a doctor. He shook his head three times and died. In her opinion, she saw Dr. Jordan, Dr. Paulson and another doctor afterwards, and they saw the body when it had been removed to the morgue. At the mortuary witness, Gladys, and Xavier were together. Her husband and defendant had never quarrelled, they were always friends.

ADMISSION OF A SOLICITOR.

At the Supreme Court to-day His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir J. W. Carrington, admitted Mr. Frank Barrington Deacon to practise as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

The Attorney-General (Hon. W. M. Goodman) said the application was made under section 5 of Ordinance 3 of 1871 and he asked the Court to admit, approve and enrol Mr. Frank B. Deacon as an Attorney and proctor of the Supreme Court. The necessary affidavit required under the Ordinance had been filed and the necessary papers were all in order. He had served his articles with Messrs. Deacon and Hastings and had been duly examined in May last and he had complied with all the requirements necessary for him to ask to be enrolled. It gave him (the Attorney-General) very great pleasure to say that the examiners were of opinion Mr. Deacon had passed an extremely creditable examination.

His Lordship said that he approved that Mr. Deacon should be enrolled as an attorney and proctor of the Court and he had very great pleasure in making the order. He said he wished Mr. Deacon all success in the practice of his profession and trusted he would have a very prosperous career.

The Attorney-General also congratulated Mr. Deacon and expressed his best wishes for his future.

Mencius, translated by the Rev. A. B. Hutchison, 2nd edn.) without, however, completing it, for great difficulties soon revealed themselves. One difficulty is that the Chinese cannot appreciate such systematic work and appear rather suspicious to have their revised Classics cut up and made into a kind of amateur. Another difficulty is that if every one of the Classics be treated in the same way much repetition would be unavoidable and the work become too bulky. It would have been worse, on the other hand, to attempt a continuous commentary. This would have required the printing of the complete text of the authorised commented text of each of the standard works, and finally a more or less lengthy dissertation from my Christian standpoint. I felt no calling to enter into all the trifling questions of antiquarian Chinese lore and verbal quibblings about nothing, and arrived at the conclusion to leave such work to younger men better qualified for it. Thereupon I sought by the General Conference of 1890, stirred me again. After some consideration the plan of the present work took hold of my mind. Though the whole programme given in the Index of Vo. I comprises five parts, the two now edited form a work complete in itself. So much of the literature, the history and needs of the time as found bearing directly on the Classics are already incorporated in these two parts. It is impossible to get such a work perfect in every respect. Other scholars may produce something better. There is room enough in China for various works on the Classics. May this work be taken and used in Christian charity, and the blessing of our Lord accompany it!

There is a touch of unconscious sarcasm which is simply delightful in two sentences of the above preface. "The Chinese cannot appreciate such systematic work" and "All the trifling questions of antiquarian Chinese lore and verbal quibblings about nothing ... to leave such work to younger men better qualified for it." How many people are there in the East whose lives are misdirected to these "trifling questions" and how many misguided sinologists are proud of being considered "better qualified for it" we would like to know. There is, we repeat, something to be gained by a careful study of the Chinese classics but the authoring is so small compared with the labour involved that it is a sin and a shame for able men to waste their lives on such extremely unprofitable work. It is not only the Chinese who "can't appreciate such work;" most of the educated Chinese would be less unappreciative than all the rest of the civilised world.

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Mr. Thomas Atkins is:

On the road to Wei-hai-wei;
And the gullies and the jolies.
All are travelling that way;
Our old fighting chums, the "Sah's"
Want a look-in, you can bet;
As a backer in a "grab";
He's as good as you can get.

Of course, we only "leashed" it;
We don't intend to stay.
If you doubt us—look at Egypt;
We'll chuck it any day—
We'll evacuate with pleasure,
Certainly! Without a doubt!
When our many friends take measures
With success, to turn us out.

Mercy! 'tis a naval station,
Such at one time was Hongkong.
Looking at our old traditions,
Surely then I can't be wrong;
I dream of a great sea-port
And a busy crowded bay,
A "bulwark of the Empire"
With a name like Wei-hai-wei.

And the Jews and German traders
They will flock there as of old,
Leaving Kiacchow and Arthur's
Port severely in the cold—
As in Hongkong, "tis the fashion
When business cares oppress,
When you mind a little sensation.
Or an atmosphere of rest;

Or, maybe a little flattery;
You depart to "old Macao";
So the people of Wei-hai-wei
Will make use of Kiacchow.
And the joyful "Tingle-Tangle,"
And the "Garden mit der Blüte,"
Every one with the old legend,
"English ist geschränkt hier."

And the Donau-Haus and Casino
They will one and all be there
To catch you on a "whirlwind";
When you've any cash to spare,
While a few Grand Dukes and Princes
Will complete the bright array
Of the numerous attractions
For the folks from Wei-hai-wei.

On the road to Wei-hai-wei,
Some day you will hear them say
That a Prince whose name is—(whirlwind)—
Tell it not in Wei-hai-wei!—
Come with us to a concert
The whole of "Tom's" Shanty;
Which he learnt—no matter how—
On the road to Kiacchow.
While he staggered on the way,
In the merry month of May,
Two more men and horses money,
Tired were my old fillies, Sunny;
On the road to Wei-hai-wei.

TITLE

day aids one to the number, and there are reasons that six people have died of exhaustion on the trails, this exhaustion being superinduced by freezing. People in London thought it was cold a few years back when the ice was seen as far south as London Bridge, but the weather then was tropical as compared with what is experienced in the passes on some occasions.

The worst times are when the wind blows in the traveller's face, bringing snow along with it. The warmth of the face melts the snow, the cold salts freezes the melted snow, and a crust is thus formed on the face. At the risk of being called the "Ottawa Liar," I may mention, as a fact, that the ice has to be broken to permit of breathing. This is pretty tough, as they say in this country; but there is more to come. The keen wind causes both the mouth and the eyes to water, and then the water is frozen between the lips and the eyelids. Can it be wondered that reports of suffering are coming in daily? In spite of all this misery and danger, the cry is, "On Stanley, the 14th!" Returning miners have ceased to say, "Go back." It is a waste of breath; so they generally remark in passing, "Hurry up, boys; at Dawson there are heaps of gold and lots of work."

Last night I met a general sergeant of the North-West Mounted Police, who had just gone down from Big Salmon River, with special despatches from Major Walsh, the Administrator of the Yukon to the Canadian Government at Ottawa. He was brooked and travel-stained, his face bare the marks of the frigid north, a mark that a close observer can trace on the features of all men who have spent much time in the north. Joyce, the sergeant, got his mark North-West. The Major, he reported, intended to return to Dawson City at once, and by this time no doubt has established his rule in the gold capital. The Administrator of the Yukon is an empire-builder of the Rockies and Captain Lugged type. He is building up the great northland so that our hills, executives, and assigns may take over a vast country richly endowed and governed in a model manner. He proposes to bring enough police into the region to establish a 150-mile line, from the northward to the southern boundary. The Mounted Police are being gradually withdrawn from the North-West Territories for this purpose. Soon there will be few Riders of the Plains, for they will most of them have been transformed into Riders of the Yukon. The police will keep a sharp eye open for smugglers, and will put a stop to carrying liquor without a licence.—*Pall Mall*.

Blodys of the Stewponey, by S. Baring-Gould, London, Methuen & Co., Hongkong Kelly & Walsh Ltd.—This is a rather peculiar work, the plot of which hinges upon the loves of the son and nieces of a sporting country parson and the opening chapters far surpass those following in interest and literary merit. Towards the end the book resolves itself into the hickety love-tale style and one regrets the absence of the bright and amusing antics of the children in the earlier part of their history. The following sketch of the country parson gives a good idea of one of the chief characters of the book:—

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A Woman of Forty, by Esme Stuart, London, Methuen & Co., Hongkong Kelly & Walsh Ltd.—"A Woman of Forty" is certainly to be described as light and sensational literature, otherwise we should never have fallen asleep over it and wasted such a valuable amount of time over this review, but having done so we feel called upon to give our opinion of the work. The scene is laid in London and the characters concerned belong to the upper ten thousand; the narration of whose woes and deeds is no dear to the heart of the lover of the Penny Novelties. The principal character is Magdalen Cobbe, who is the "Woman of Forty" of the title and was some years before the story commences engaged to be married to a Percy Chester who however has jilted her and left for New Zealand. That tale opens on her meeting a friend of Chester's who reports his death; she falls in love with this man, Eric Leslie, by name, who is already privately engaged to a New Zealand girl, Griselda Foy, but being a weak-minded individual quickly forgets his fiancée, and returns Magdalen's love; which fact is discovered by Griselda in his delusions wandering while nursing him through a bout of diphtheria. She with her usual magnanimity of the heroines of fiction immediately resigns her claim upon him in favour of Magdalen.

"I am content to be his servant," said Griselda. Mrs. Olson had opened the door to lead her from the room; she shut it again with impatience.

"This is perversity," she said. "His wife you are, to love, honour, and obey; and his wife you shall be. He will know how to tame you, and make you docile. You will fawn on the hand you now alight."

"I will never be other than a servant."

"Do you defy my son?"

"You!" The woman broke into a discordant laugh. "You! You defy him! A weak girl just out of the nursery, and wont to play with dolls! He has strong hands and iron nerves."

"And I have a strong will, and a resolve of steel."

"He has the force and determination of a lion."

"A lion sleeps."

"What of that?"

"And a sleeping lion is in the power of a child."

"What mean you?"

"I will kill him."

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VANCOUVER (British Columbia), Feb. 19th.—An Examination of their Text and Contents.—By the Rev. E. Faber, Doctor of Theology.

This is about half a pitch of waste paper covered with Chinese characters. We cannot read it and would not if we could, because we are very sceptical of opinion that Chinese classics are not worth the colossal amount of time and trouble involved in their study. We do not say Chinese classics are worth nothing, but then we do say that they are worth less and involve more trouble than any other classics in the world. If the terms "good" and "bad," "useful" and "useless" are merely comparative, then that which gives the very least return for the largest amount of labour must be classed as "useless," not downright "bad." These classics, of course, have some degree of use, but less in proportion to the labour involved than any other occupation we can call to mind except teaching a pig to dance the polka. Let us give credit to the Rev. Dr. Faber for having worked hard and conscientiously. He gives a kind of introductory explanation in English on a separate leaflet in which he says:—

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